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# U.S. Grand Jury to Seek John Walker Spy Funds

*Officials Say Assets May Be Hidden*

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A federal grand jury will convene in Norfolk this month to investigate whether admitted spy John Anthony Walker Jr. is hiding part of the \$1 million he says he received for masterminding a Soviet espionage ring, according to government sources and lawyers for some of those subpoenaed to testify.

Among those called to testify before the grand jury are Pamela K. Carroll, a former girlfriend of Walker's and a former Norfolk police officer, and Laurie Robinson, a partner of Walker's in his Virginia Beach private detective agency. J. Albert Johnson, an attorney for Walker's former wife, Barbara Walker, declined to say whether she had been subpoenaed.

As part of his plea agreement with federal prosecutors, John Walker, a former Navy officer who masterminded a four-man spy ring described as one of the most damaging in U.S. history, agreed to surrender any assets that the government might find. Also, he waived his privacy rights to give investigators access to foreign bank accounts.

In a sentencing memorandum given to U.S. District Judge Alexander Harvey II in Baltimore, who last year sentenced Walker to life in prison, prosecutors said they had received "a number of as yet uncorroborated reports that Walker has undisclosed foreign bank accounts or safe deposit boxes."

Although officials say Walker passed polygraph tests questioning him about whether he had any espionage proceeds hidden, the amount he admitted receiving far exceeded his remaining assets.

Breckenridge L. Willcox III, the

U.S. attorney for Maryland whose office prosecuted Walker, declined to discuss details of the grand jury probe, which he is not handling. "We had always intended to pursue some of the loose ends" in the case, he said, including the possible existence of hidden assets, the possibility that there were other, minor players in the espionage ring, and the possible participation of Arthur Walker in the beginnings of the spy ring.

Arthur Walker, a retired Navy lieutenant commander, insisted that he joined his brother's network in 1981, years after he left the Navy, but polygraph tests of Arthur and John Walker indicated that they were being deceptive in their answers about how and when the espionage started.

"We told the sentencing court ... that among the unresolved items were what happened to the million dollars," Willcox said. Federal agents, he said, "have only been able to find a very minute fraction of that." Although John Walker had several cars, a boat and a plane, Willcox said, he did not have enough assets at the time of his arrest in April 1985 to account for a sum as large as \$1 million, "and he wasn't the sort to go to Las Vegas or spend it frivolously."

Pamela Carroll's lawyer, James R. McKenry, said his client was summoned to testify on Jan. 26 and to bring with her any documents relating to John Walker. "It would appear to be simply a rehash of what she has testified to already," he said, adding that prosecutors "appear to be looking for assets."

Walker's lawyer, Fred Warren Bennett, said Walker has not been called to testify. Assistant U.S. Attorney Tommy E. Miller in Norfolk declined to comment on the probe.